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FINANCE AND TRADE.

THURSDAY EVENING, December 31, 1868.

The closing day of the year is characterized by an absence of excitement. Every branch of business has, since last month, been more or less inconvenienced, not to our commercial, from such a condition of the money market. The banks during the greater portion of this month have narrowed their line of accommodations in the way of discounts to a very small extent, and many borrowers were unable to obtain the full amount of paper they usually negotiated, in order to meet the open market for loans, paying the high rates demanded. This state of affairs, it is confidently expected, will be of short duration, and if there is not an immediate relief after next Monday, there will be a gradual improvement commencement from day to day until the banks will become free lenders, and the supply of commercials will increase sufficiently to cause a conflict over the lessening of the discount rates, and bring the money to call will become more moderate and all branches of trade will have an adequate support.

The local stock market has suffered somewhat from the former pressure. Small lots of bank, insurance, and miscellaneous stocks have been gently changing hands through the week, at prices ranging about the same as last week, activity in Allegheny Valley Railroad bonds has been displayed during the last fortnight. They have been picked up by investors because of their cheapness and profits thereon. We lead below on the market offers rather inducements to capitalists. These bonds have sold at various prices, but lately they have brought from 80 to 85, and the prospects are with the company are most flattering, and the high rate of interest which they pay, will cause them to steadily advance.

The government bond market ends some what unsettled from the opening prices, and closed at the rise.

James S. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States bonds as follows from to-day's New York Herald:

	Opening.	Closing.
6's, 1881, coupon		
6's, 1881, registered		
5's, 10-40, coupon		
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6's, Currency		

—The following rates, made up from the gold quotations received at J. W. Connelly's stock rooms, Smith building, No. 57 Fourth avenue, opposite the corner of Railway No. 2, and also at the various quotations of the New York Board during the day:

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U. S. Custom			
Treasury			
Pittsburgh			
Exchange			
Merchants'			
Iron City			
Bank of Commerce			
Bank of Pittsburgh			
Citizens'			
Commercial			
Mechanics'			
Union			
Manufacturers'			
Tradesmen's			
Diamond			
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One hundredth			

—The high premium maintained upon gold is one of our immense resources, strikes gentlemen connected with commerce as remarkable, as connected with other countries, we present a more favorable condition. Gold is higher here than in most currency cities of the U. S., yet in the former country gold commands but 11 per cent. premium, and in the latter 6 per cent. These considerations so unfavorable to our country, are continually increasing their force, and will show a large deficit, and have for a year to which they are immediately applicable, and which will increase sufficiently to cause a conflict over the lessening of the discount rates, and bring the money to call will become more moderate and all branches of trade will have an adequate support.

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NEW YORK, December 31—P. M.

During the greater portion of the day was not as stringent as yesterday. Loans were made at 7 per cent. currency and gold, commission over sold. Subsequently the rates for carrying were reduced, and the loans were made at 7 per cent. currency, and for gold at commission as they were easily taken, and the rate again hardened until just before sunset when the market became stringent, which made some change from a per cent. interest to commission, to which the rate changed in a short time. Many transactions occurred during the day, and the business was fairly large. The following are the quotations:

GOLD.

Four hundred and sixty-one dollars in gold, and there is a large amount in store. Prices are firm, and we quote at 2@3 per cent. premium, as to quality. Now corn is in good demand, and prices are firm and unchanged. The receipts of oats are light in store, according to quality, prime oats bring readily 2c over the market price of mixed oats. The receipts of barley are light, and sales from store, 2@3c per bushel. Rye is in good demand at 2@3 per bushel. Corn meal is in good demand at 2@3 per barrel for prime quality, and 2@3 less in the prime lots.

—The entire country is in good financial condition, and the prospects for an early resumption of specie payments are very bright. Business is active and firm at the following quotations: Flour is in good demand and firm

The Daily Commercial.

CITY MATTERS.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Business Transacted in the County Courts During the Past Year—Petitions in Bankruptcy—The United States Court in Exile.

The County Courts.

The argument court was held on all the County Court proceedings, but no cases of any importance were disposed of.

The following is a statement of cases before the several courts of the county during the past year:

Quarter Sessions	1,500
Common Pleas	900
Orphan's Court	200
Total	2,600

Circuit Court Cases.

In the District Court one hundred and ninety arguments were heard, and in the Common Pleas one hundred and seventy.

United States Court—Judge McCandless.

In the bankruptcy branch of the United States District Court, yesterday, the following petitions for appointment of assignees were filed: Daniel Gamble, Indiana county, Roger Proctor, Richmond, and Jacob Proctor, Pine township, Allegheny; Forest county, Lewis C. Gaston, Tionesta, Forest county; E. G. Bosworth, Pittsburgh; Samuel Wilson, Pine township; W. W. Glenniman, Wm. H. Gernert, W. L. Stewart, Charles Bell, Wm. Hemphill, James Hemphill, Alexander Reinmell, Robert A. Wood, Henry Wooley, of Allegheny county; A. C. Sanford, of St. Louis, Missouri; Jacob Kaufman, Penn township, Butler county; Jacob Kaufman, Penn township, Butler county; Jacob Kaufman, Penn township, Butler county, all residing in Pittsburgh, except as otherwise mentioned. Petitions for final discharge were filed by Luther Davenport and John B. Wood, of Crawford county. The usual meeting of creditors.

THE LAWS AND HOW—Circuit Court.

The January term will commence at Erie on Tuesday next. The following is the list of United States Courts, the capitals of which are owned by W. H. Parsons & Co.:

Same vs. to answer or testified spirit of an, owned by Jacob Heinz.

Same vs. still as of. of Ignatius Kreisinger.

Same vs. Jos. L. Cone, Henry Buckley, and Peter Wilson.

Same vs. Theodore L. Smith, Edward S. Wilson, Jacob Fry, and Hiram Kaufman.

Same vs. John S. Brown and John F. Comrie.

Same vs. Mary J. Osborne, Wm. P. Shaw and Lafayette Bentley.

Same vs. George F. White, Barnet Stockwell, Andrew Dingley and Griffin Brown.

Same vs. John Brannon, John Rose, Alexander Beckett, Joseph C. Beckett and Wm. Beckett.

Same vs. Reuben W. Crosby, Jacob E. Hamilton, C. P. Mayer and Samuel Mayer.

Same vs. Orazio Rossi, Louis Moor, Frederick Wagner and Peter Rossi.

Same vs. Jacob Bennett, Robert W. Bulkley and John A. Bell.

Same vs. Wm. H. Bulkley, C. H. Rowe and Edgar Rolfe.

Same vs. Jas. M. Weiss, Victory W. Thompson and Samuel Rose.

The above are all civil cases. The following bankruptcy cases have been placed on the trial list:

Sedgwick, Locke & Co. and Langley, Schuyler and others vs. C. H. Preston.

R. S. Clarke & Co., opposing creditors, vs. J. F. & H. Bell.

Rowe Steel, opposing creditor, vs. E. & A. Barlow.

Register Business for December.

The following letters of administration were granted, and accounts presented for settlement in the office of Joseph H. Gray, Esq., County Register, during the month of December, precluded:

Samuel Wilson	Wm. Wilson
Jacob Fry	Jacob Fry, Jr.
Jacob Bennett	Wm. Bennett
Thomas Wilson	Wm. Wilson
Christopher H. Rieke	Wm. Rieke
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